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...with **Knuckles** the Echidna, and **Team Chaotix** travel to the Robotnik-controlled **Angel Island** after learning that Knuckles' father, **Locke**, has been taken captive by the evil Doctor Robotnik . The heroes arrive to find that things have radically changed. The dingoes, who are now acting as Robotnik's occupying force, have enslaved the echidnas. Knuckles is now **idolized** by many echidnas because of his return from the afterlife, and he finds the most unlikely of allies in his former enemies, the **Dark Legion**, current caretakers of the **Master Emerald**, the power which keeps Angel Island afloat. Our heroes learn that **Robotnik** is trying to force Locke into revealing the location of the Master Emerald.

Kommissar, the Dark Legion's self-serving leader, learns from **Harry**--her dingo spy--where Locke is being held prisoner. Sonic, Knuckles, Team Chaotix, and the Dark Legion storm Dingo City and successfully free Knuckles' father from the dingo leader, **General Kage**. **However**, Robotnik reveals that he no longer needs Locke to reveal the location of the Master Emerald. One of his agents has already found it--an agent named...

THE HUNTER

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RETURN TO ANGEL ISLAND
PART 4: ULTIMATE HERO

ONE DOWN...

THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE

EGG

EGG

EGG

EGG

ZORCH

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND DYNA LOPEZ AT SEGA LICENSING

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...MILLIONS TO GO.

CONTROL

HUNTER! NOW THAT YOU'VE *LOCATED* THE DARK LEGION'S HIDING PLACE, STOP *WASTING* TIME, YOU ECHIDNA-OBSESSED *LOON* AND BRING ME THE *MASTER EMERALD!*

I'M *GETTING* TO IT, DOCTOR!

S3&K AVATAR

DINGO CITY

NICE WORK, *KNUCKLES!* LOOKS LIKE BETWEEN YOU, ME, THE *CHAOTIX* AND THE *DARK LEGION*, WE SURE KICKED BUTT ON *GENERAL KAGE* AND HIS *DINGO ARMY!* *

WE *SHOULDN'T* GO CONGRATULATING OURSELVES *YET*, SONIC!

MY SON IS RIGHT--*ESPECIALLY* IF ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S *AGENTS* IS HOMING IN ON THE MASTER EMERALD *EVEN* AS WE SPEAK!

*SEE ISSUE #140.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, *LOCKE!* THIS WOULDN'T HAVE *HAPPENED* IF WE HADN'T WASTED *TIME* AND ECHIDNA-POWER STAGING YOUR *RESCUE!* *

WHAT'S THE BIG *DEAL*, KOMMISAR, WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE FASTEST THING *ALIVE* ON YOUR TEAM? I'LL BE THERE *BEFORE* YOU CAN SAY '*WOULD-BE-WORLD CONQUEROR*'!

ROBOTNIK'S AGENT COULD BE WALKING INTO THE *HIDDEN PALACE* RIGHT NOW.

I *SUGGEST* YOU TAKE MY SON ALONG FOR THE *RIDE*, SONIC.

*ALSO ISSUE #140.

ME?! DAD, WITHOUT MY *CHAOS* POWERS, WHAT AM I *SUPPOSED* TO DO? CHEER?

YOU CAN LEND YOUR *FRIEND* A HAND...

AIR NECKLACE

NOT THAT I'LL REALLY *NEED* THE HELP, BUT DITCH THE *GEAR* ALL THE SAME-- THIS IS ONE HEDGEHOG THAT LIKES TO TRAVEL *LIGHT!*

AIR NECKLACE

THE HIDDEN PALACE

ZORCH

WHAT IN--?!

!

WE'RE UNDER *ATTACK*, WYNMACHER!

BUT FROM *WHOM*, DOCTOR FINITEVUS?!

IT MATTERS *NOT*, LARA-LE! THE MASTER EMERALD MUST BE *SAFEGUARDED*.

GRR

AGREED.

ARCHIMEDES, WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

NO TIME FOR *EXPLANATIONS* CONSTABLE REMINGTON! HURRY INTO THE MASTER EMERALD SHRINE-- *ALL* OF YOU!

I *INTEND* TO STAY AND FACE WHATEVER *THREAT* IS ABOUT TO WALK THROUGH THAT *DOOR*, ARCHIMEDES!

WHO GAVE YOU THE *AUTHORITY* TO BE HERE, FIRE ANT?

LOCKE DID WHEN HE *ASKED* ME TO KEEP AN *EYE* ON THE MASTER EMERALD AFTER HE *ENTRUSTED* IT TO...

...YOU.

CHAOS LANE CHARGE

TARGET: REMINGTON

EGG

DON'T WORRY! I'LL HANDLE HIM!

CONSTABLE-- NO!!

ZORCH

EGG

EGG

BA

TARGET: ?????

UNKNOWN VARIABLE...?

NEXT?

ARCHIMEDES...? WHAT *HAPPENED* TO CONSTABLE REMINGTON AND DOCTOR FINITEVUS?

I--I TRIED TO *WARN* THEM, LARA-LE...

TH-THEN IT'S UP TO *US* TO MAKE SURE THE MASTER EMERALD...

...DOESN'T *FALL* INTO THE WRONG HANDS!

YOU CAN *TRY*... BUT YOU *WON'T* SUCCEED.

EGG

THEN I *GUESS* WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP *FIGHTING*...

CONTROL

...UNTIL WE GET IT *RIGHT!*

LONG TIME, NO *BEAT DOWN*, HUNTER.

ZORCH

WHOA!

HEY!

ARCHIMEDES? WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING H--? OH, NEVER *MIND!*

NOT SO *FAST,* CREEP. *HEY!* WHAT THE HECK IS *THIS?*

EGG

BONG!

BONG!

BONG!

A LITTLE *SOMETHING* TO KEEP YOU *OCCUPIED* WHILE I COMPLETE MY *MISSION.*

I DON'T *THINK--*

YEARRRGH!

KNUCKLES!

MEANWHILE...

WE'RE BACK! HOW ARE YOU FEELING, SIR?

DON'T WORRY, JULIE-SU. I'M HOLDING UP JUST...

...EDMUND'S GHOST!

THE AVATAR WILL SAVE U S3!K

UH-OH, FOLKS! DINGOES IN THE HOUSE!

SATISFIED, LOCKE? THE DARK LEGION'S BASE OF OPERATIONS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BECAUSE OF THAT STUPID MASTER EMERALD YOU FOISTED UPON US!

JUST A SECOND, "SIS"! NOBODY FORCED YOU TO ACCEPT THE EMERALD, BUT YOU DID ANYWAY! WANT TO KNOW WHY?

BECAUSE YOU WANTED THE POWER IT'D BRING YOU!

NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BRING MORE THAN THAT, HUH?

BE QUIET, YOU LITTLE--!

NO! EVER SINCE WE ARRIVED ON ANGEL ISLAND, ALL YOU'VE DONE IS THROWN IT IN OUR FACES THAT THE EMERALD HAD TO BE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, MOCKED KNUCKLES FOR LOSING HIS POWERS, AND COMPLAINED ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES!

WELL, STOP COMPLAINING, LIEN-DA, AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A REAL LEADER, GROW UP AND START ACTING LIKE ONE!

UHH... LADIES? AIN'T THERE A MESS O' DINGOES WE OUGHT TO BE SMACKIN' AROUND?

TOTALLY, VECTOR...

...BUT I'LL JUST NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT HER PROBLEM IS!

FATHER LOVED YOU MORE.

CHARMY --WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?

TO FIND SAFFRON!

AND KNUCKLES!

RETRIEVE.

KNUCKLES? SAY SOMETHING, SON!

M-MOM ...?

BAH. YOU USED TO BE SOMETHING, ECHIDNA. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHO CARES?

IT'S TIME I COLLECTED MY TROPHY!

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM, WYN?

I DON'T KNOW, LARA, BUT WE'D BETTER STAND BACK!

KRKKLL

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

I GOTTA ADMIT-- I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN!

KN-KNUCKLES ...?

FWOOSH

NO.

FWAP

SUPER KNUCKLES.

ARCHIMEDES, YOU WERE RIGHT!

NO.

I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!

SOK

KRAK

FWOOSH

HUH?

WHAT IN--?

THOOM!

THOOM!

LET... GO...OF... ME...YOU *STINKING* ECHIDNA!

WITH *PLEASURE.*

SPLISH

SPLINK

RETREAT! RETREAT!!

AV-A-TAR! AV-A-TAR!

A-VA-TAR!

A-VA-TAR!

NO! STOP IT, YOU FOOLS! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MINDS?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

WHOA.

DAD! ARCHIMEDES! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

YOUR POWERS NEVER *LEFT*, LAD. THEY'VE LAIN *DORMANT* SINCE YOU RETURNED FROM THE *AFTERLIFE.**

*SEE ISSUE #125.

YOU HADN'T BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MASTER EMERALD DURING THAT TIME. WE SUSPECT THAT CONTACT WITH IT WAS ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY TO REAWAKEN THEM.

KNUCKLES MAY BE A HEAVY HITTER ONCE MORE, BUT IT DOESN'T *MATTER* SINCE I NOW HAVE THE MASTER EMERALD'S LOCATION--

--AND AN ARMY OF MY EGG PAWNS IS EN ROUTE TO THAT NOT-SO HIDDEN PALACE EVEN AS WE--

MY CHAOS POWERS HAVE RETURNED! YES!

AAAH SHADDAP!

KRUNCH!

WE'VE GOT TO MOVE THE MASTER EMERALD TO A NEW HIDING PLACE!

AGREED!

WHERE'S CONSTABLE REMINGTON?

BOTH HE AND DOCTOR FINITEVUS WERE AMONG THE *CASUALTIES* OF HUNTER'S CHAOS SPEAR I'M *SORRY*, KNUCKLES.

REMMY...

THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN FRIENDS...

...OR FAMILY.

MOMENTS LATER...

DAD, PROMISE ME YOU'LL KEEP AN EYE ON LIEN-DA AND THE EMERALD WHILE I'M GONE.

WHILE YOU'RE--?

RED MTN.
SKY CANYON
LAVA REEF

YO, KNUX! THERE'S OUR RIDE!

WHAT? YOU'RE LEAVING? YOU TOO, JULIE-SU?

I MADE A PROMISE TO PRINCESS SALLY THAT I'D RETURN TO KNOTHOLE CITY AS SOON AS WE'D RESCUED YOU, DAD.

BUT WHAT OF YOUR *DUTIES* AS GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND?!

SEEING EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED HERE WHILE I WAS AWAY HAS MADE ME *REALIZE* THAT IF ROBOTNIK TAKES OVER MOBIUS, THE WHOLE PLANET WILL BE IN TROUBLE--NOT *JUST* ANGEL ISLAND!

I CAN'T *LET* THAT HAPPEN.

SO, NOW THAT YOUR *POWERS* HAVE FINALLY RETURNED AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO *FIGHT*, YOU'D RATHER TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR HOME RATHER THAN *RECLAIMING* IT FROM EVIL?!

DAD, I--

SUIT YOURSELF.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, SON! WE'LL *MISS* YOU!

I'LL MISS YOU *TOO*, MOM. I'LL MISS YOU, TOO...

NEW MEGAOPOLIS— CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

SONIC AND KNUCKLES MAY HAVE *THWARTED* MY PLAN TO STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD, BUT THE DAY HASN'T BEEN A *COMPLETE* WASH, M...

...NO, IT HASN'T BEEN A COMPLETE WASH AT *ALL!*

SUBJECT: CHAMELEAN

SUBJECT: SIMON

SUBJECT: RYKOR

ENERGY DRAIN 79%

TOXIC DRAIN 85%

SUBJECT: EQUINA

SUBJECT: KANEWISHER

TOXIC WASH

SUBJECT: BIMMY

EGG GRAPE #768

SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF ANTS

ENERGY DRAIN 87%

MIND ERASER 99%

TOXIC INFUSION 55%

SUBJECT: XENIN

ENERGY DRAIN 72%

MIND ERASER 55%

SUBJECT: REMINGTON

JIG'OH THANKS GUYS!

THE END... FOR NOW

MOBIUS SCENARIO

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THE ECHIDNA SCIENTIST, COBAR, AND HIS LONG-TIME COLLABORATOR, ROTOR, A SCIENTIST OF EQUAL REPUTE... AND AN EMISSARY OF THE KINGDOM OF ACORN... RECENTLY DISCOVERED SOMETHING AMISS WITH THE WEATHER PATTERNS OF THEIR HOME WORLD, MOBIUS.

WORKING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF COBAR'S LAB IN THE CITY OF PORTAL... LOCATED ON ANGEL ISLAND... THEY EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF THEIR LATEST EFFORTS...

OH, THIS ISN'T GOOD! THIS ISN'T GOOD AT ALL!

ON THE MARK, WHICH MEANS--

MY CALCULATIONS WERE CORRECT, THEN, WEREN'T THEY?

--IT'S WORSE THAN WE FEARED!

THE PROCESS IS ACCELERATING!

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN REAL TIME?

KNUCKLES!

HOW ON ANGEL ISLAND DID YOU FIND US HERE?!

YOU THINK I'M GOING TO *TELL* LIEN-DA'S FAVORITE SCIENTIST MY *TRADE SECRETS?*

I *HARDLY* THINK SO!

MAY WE PUT THE *POLITICS* ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING, GUARDIAN?

THIS IS *MUCH* TOO IMPORTANT TO BE SIDE-TRACKED BY *OTHER* ISSUES!

YOU GOTTA BE *KIDDING* ME, ROTOR!

LIEN-DA'S CHIEF SCIENTIST ?!!!

THAT'S PUSHING MY *TRUST* A BIT *FAR*, Y'THINK?

THIS *ISN'T* GOING TO WORK!

HOLD ON THERE!

WHILE *ROTOR* MAY HAVE *CONCEALED* A DETAIL OR TWO *FROM* YOU--

--THAT *DOESN'T* ALTER THE *MAIN* REASON WE'RE HERE!

KNUCKLES IS *CORRECT*, SIRE!

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE--

--IF WE'RE TO HAVE EVEN A *CHANCE* OF AVERTING THE COMING *CATASTROPHE!*

SO WHAT *EXACTLY* ARE WE DEALING WITH HERE?

"FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK..."

HI! I COULDN'T SLEEP!

ME EITHER!

THE BOYS HAVE BEEN GONE A *LONG* TIME!

I WOULDN'T WORRY!

KNUCKLES ISN'T INTERESTED IN PICKING A FIGHT!

IT'S NOT *HIM* I WORRY ABOUT!

IT'S *SONIC!*

"*HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF IN RECENT DAYS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT...*"

SO LET'S SEE IF I GET THIS *STRAIGHT--*

MOBIUS IS EXPERIENCING AN *ENTROPIC BUILD-UP--*

THAT'S THE *BREAKING DOWN* OF THE *SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM* ON THE *SUB-QUANTUM* LEVEL!

--BUT YOU *CAN'T* EXPLAIN *WHY?*

WELL, UNDER *NORMAL* CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S USUALLY A *NATURALLY* OCCURRING *PHENOMENA!*

AND THIS *ISN'T?*

HARDLY!

IT SEEMS, KING SONIC--

--*YOU'RE* TO BLAME FOR OUR *PRESENT* STATE OF AFFAIRS!

ME ?!?

HAH!

AS BEST AS WE'RE ABLE TO DETERMINE, YOU WERE INVOLVED IN *THREE* EVENTS--

--ALL OF WHICH RESULTED IN *MASSIVE* DISRUPTION TO THE SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM.

THE *FIRST* TIME WAS WHEN YOU ACCESSED THE *COSMIC INTERSTATE!**

THE *SECOND* NEXUS POINT OCCURRED WHEN *ROBOTNIK* FIRED HIS *ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR* WHILE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH YOU!*

AND THE *THIRD* TIME--WHICH *WE* BELIEVE THE MOST LIKELY--

--WAS WHEN YOU *DETONATED* THE *QUANTUM DIAL!* **

*WAAAAAAY BACK WHEN IN THE NOW-CLASSIC "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC #11.

*SONIC #50, OR THE EXPANDED VERSION IN **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL** #6. TAKE YOUR PICK.

**AS RECENTLY (25 YEARS AGO) CHRONICLED IN SONIC #125.

BUT *HOW* CAN YOU BE *SURE* WHAT THE *CAUSE* IS?

ZONE-HOPPING ISN'T EXACTLY *UNKNOWN* IN THESE PARTS.

HE'S GOT A *POINT,* COBAR!

THE *DARK LEGION* HAS PLAYED FAST AND *LOOSE* WITH THE SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM OVER THE *CENTURIES!*

AND I'M NOT SUCH AN *INNOCENT,* EITHER!

WE *DID* THE *MATH,* GUARDIAN!

THE CONDITIONS *NECESSARY* TO CREATE THE *FORCES* INVOLVED COULD *ONLY* HAVE OCCURRED AT THESE *PARTICULAR JUNCTURES!*

SO IF YOU KNOW THE *WHY* AND *HOW*--

--*WHAT* DO YOU *NEED* US FOR?

UNLESS WE HAVE ACCESS TO *ALL* AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND...

...THE *COOPERATION* OF EVERYONE--

--IT'LL BE NEXT TO *IMPOSSIBLE* TO COME UP WITH SOME MEANS OF *CONTAINMENT*--

--OR AN *ALTERNA-TIVE!*

WHATEVER YOU NEED, JUST SAY THE *WORD!*

I'M SURE KNUCKLES *AGREES!*

THE *CLOCK* IS *TICKING,* GUYS--

--SO GET TO IT!

JUST GET IT *RIGHT* THE *FIRST* TIME!

THJUM!

GET *WHAT* RIGHT, COBAR?

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN *WITHHOLDING* FROM *ME*?

MADAME LIEN-DA!

THIS IS MOST *UNEXPECTED*--

--ESPECIALLY AT *THIS* HOUR!

I'VE BEEN *HEARING* SOME *INTERESTING RUMORS* OF LATE.

WHAT COULD BE SO *IMPORTANT*, I WONDER--

--THAT WARRANTS THE ATTENTION OF THE *KING OF ACORN* AND THE *GUARDIAN* OF *ANGEL ISLAND*--

--THAT YOU DIDN'T *YET* TELL *ME*?

To Be Continued